

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

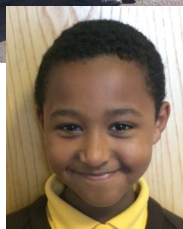
Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 8th September 2017

Week 01

This week we pray for these special people!



Introducing my new Year 6,
Mrs Hastings & Valentino



Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a fantastic Summer break. It has been lovely to see everybody back in school well rested and full of enthusiasm to tackle a brand new year and embrace the amazing opportunities that lie ahead, I just know that this will be a successful year for our school and everyone involved. Thanks for being part of it!

As we start a new school year, I wish to say a big good luck to all those who left SS Peter & Paul last year, staff and pupils, and wish them every success in their new roles and schools. I also would like to introduce our new member of staff, Mrs Hastings, who is our new Teaching Assistant in Year 5. I would like to formally welcome her to the SS Peter & Paul school community and hope that she enjoys her new start with us. I know you will all make her feel welcome. We also have a new child, Valentino, starting in Year 3 so again I welcome him and his family to our school and hope that you will help to make them all feel part of our fabulous school.

There have been a number of changes for everybody to deal with this year; most notably the timings of the school day and the new gates which are being installed. I would like to thank you all for your support as the transition to the changes to the school day has been seamless, everybody has responded extremely positively and it has been fully embraced by everyone as I have seen a big drop in the number of children late for school each day... I hope this continues, thank you. The gates are being installed to improve the level of security and safeguarding for our school and everyone in it. I will give more details about the gates inside this newsletter so that you know what to expect once they're operational.

There is no celebration assembly this week. **Please note**, celebration assemblies will now be on a Friday afternoon at 1.15—1.45 pm. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
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TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January	Monday 16th April
1st Half- Term Ends	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February	Friday 25th May
2nd Half- Term Begins	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February	Monday 4th June
Term Ends	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March	Tuesday 24th July

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(including standing orders)

Week 01

Reception	£
Year 1	£
Year 2	£
Year 3	£
Year 4	£
Year 5	£
Year 6	£
Total	£

School Fund can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. The suggested amount is **£1.00** per week. Thank you to all those parents who pay regularly in cash or by standing order. Thank you all for your support.

School Mobile Phone

Please use for urgent contact out of office hours (3.30 pm - 8.00 am):



07885 235 496

NEWS

We wish to keep you informed about school issues so please read the following information carefully.

- **Thank you!!!** - A big thank you to all of you who took the time, effort and expense to buy any member of staff a gift at the end of the year. The staff and I really appreciate the generosity of the gesture and just want to say thank you for all of your support throughout the year. Take care.

- **Home School Agreements**—Please ensure you sign and return these asap so that I can update my records. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **New School Gates**—Our new school gates should be operational from Monday. They have been installed to increase the level of security and safeguarding for our school and children. As we share the drive with the Church and Parish, the gates will only be locked during school hours which are Monday to Friday - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm. During these times anyone wishing to enter the school site will have to press the buzzer to alert the school office and then they will open the gates as required. Can I remind parents that it is only those parents with disability blue badges who can come down the drive to drop off and pick up their child, nobody else should be driving down. The pedestrian gate will be unlocked (but still closed, give it a pull or a push to open it) during the drop off and collection times so that parents can have free access in and out without the need to press the buzzer. I'm sure we will experience our fair share of teaching troubles for the first few weeks but I know we'll all get used to them very quickly.
- **Year 6 Walking Home**—Year 6 walking home on their own is something that we encourage but will not allow until the Summer Term. The safety of the children is our priority and I feel that as the dark nights approach, it is not safe for the children to be on their own, especially if they're going back to an empty house. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this causes. Summer Term gives them ample opportunity to prepare for Secondary School but until that point the children need to be collected as normal. Thank you for your support.
- **Parents Information Meetings**—Thank you to everyone who came to these meetings this week to meet your child's new teacher, they have been very well attended and received. My apologies for forgetting to put them in the newsletter before we broke up. There are still two to take place:
 Year 1 - Monday 11th September @ 3.20 pm
 Reception - Thursday 21st September @ 3.20 pm
- **Swimming**—There are going to be some changes to the way we provide swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 this year, a letter giving more details is attached to this newsletter. The first class going will be Year 6 so they will need their swimming kit on **Thursday**.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 15th September. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Rubbish Bins**—Just like the rest of the city, we are awaiting a collection. The bins are an eyesore but they need to be left on the drive otherwise they won't be collected, please take care walking past them. Sorry.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

New Reception Intake Start—Group 1
Monday 11th September @ 8.50 am

Y1 Parents Information Meeting
Monday 11th September @ 3.20 pm

New Reception Intake Start—Group 2
Thursday 14th September @ 8.50 am

Y6 Class Mass for Whole School
Thursday 14th September @ 9.15 am

Y5 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 21st September @ 9.15 am

Rec Parents Information Meeting
Thursday 21st September @ 3.20 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 28th September @ 9.15 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 5th October @ 9.15 am

Reception Class Welcome Mass
Sunday 8th October @ 9.30 am

Y3 Class Mass for Harvest Festival
Thursday 12th October @ 9.15 am

Parents Evening Dates:
Wednesday 18th October @ 4 - 6.30
Thursday 19th October @ 3.30 - 6 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Monday 8th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 2 more to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)
- Y5/6 Football Club

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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y3/4 Football Club

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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 14th September 2017 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
New School Year Welcome Mass - Led by Year 6



The details of our next school Mass will be in this newsletter each week. All parents, family members & Parish are invited to come and join our Mass celebration so please pop in if you have time to spare. See you soon.

This week in school... Year 2 have been learning about Superheroes!!!



Working hard, it's like they've never been away!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Copies of the newsletter with a larger font are available in the School Reception for people with visual needs and on the school website.

www.ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk

Punctuality – School starts at 8.50 am and closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday 8.50 am to 2.00 pm.

Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for children and staff.

Security – Once children have been dropped off at school, they must not under any circumstances leave the school premises.

Pupil absence – If your child is absent from school please remember to **phone school before 9.30 am.** & send a note in when your child returns.

Uniform – Please ensure that **ALL** school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dinner money – *This has increased from 24th April and is £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week).* Please make cheques payable to 'City of Birmingham School Meals'. Please send dinner money on a Monday in a **SEPARATE** envelope to all other monies.

School Dinners – If your child changes their meal pattern from School dinners to packed lunch or swap from

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

Autumn 1 - Eloquent & Truthful

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must be learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and ***eloquence***. That being ***truthful*** is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

(See Mr Porter with your answer to check if you're right!)

Last terms answer was:

... 'D' is next as it stands for December...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer to start a new academic year.

Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new children, new colleagues and new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

SS Peter & Paul Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm.

Sunday @ 9 am & 10.30 am.

Changes to Parish Mass Times

Please note, Parish Mass times are changing on the weekend of 30th September/1st October.

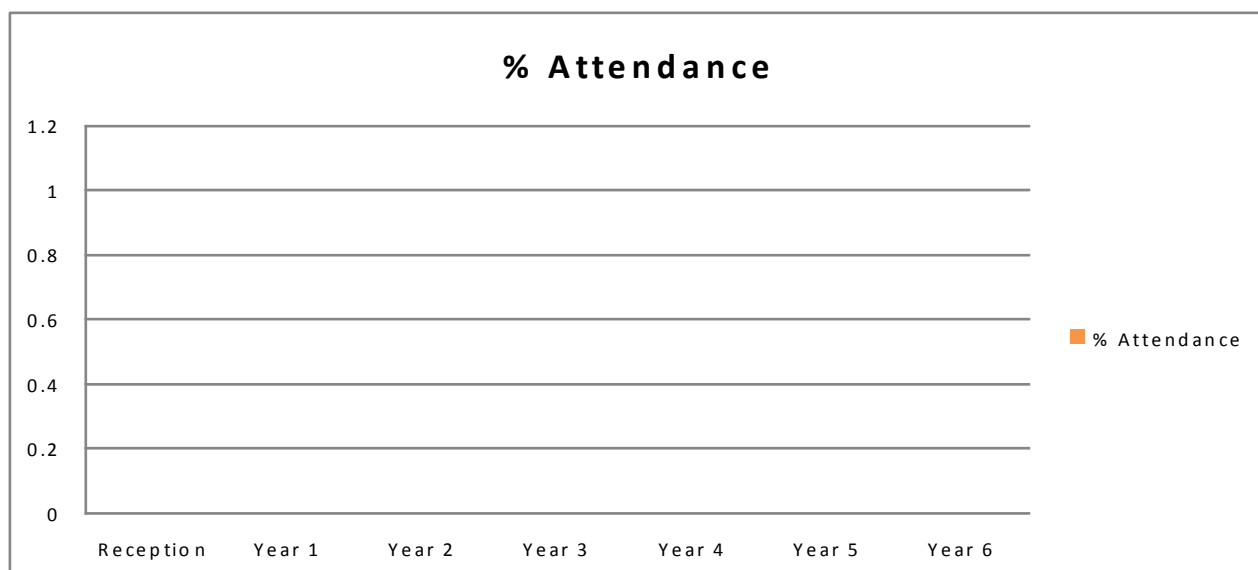
Saturday @ 5.00 pm

Sunday @ 9.30 am

(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

As a School and Parish community we should be supporting these events to make SS Peter & Paul a lively and thriving Parish, full of joy and community spirit.

Pupil Attendance for the September 5th to 8th will be next week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Evie Mae Tyler, Eleanor Donnelly, George Hillier, Cian Lane, Clara Moy.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception —
- Year 1 —
- Year 2 —
- Year 3 —
- Year 4 —
- Year 5 —
- Year 6 —



House Points

Saint Peter
Saint Paul
Our Lady
Saint Joseph



Well done to our winners.
Congratulations!!!

Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important! Do you know what your child is watching or doing on the internet?

Top Tips for staying safe online

You can report anyone who is being abusive to you online or via social media by contacting the police on www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Spanish Word of the Week

"¡Bienvenidos!"

means... Welcome!



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.





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Swimming

Dear Key Stage 2 Parents,

One of the knock on effects of changing the timings of the school day is that we can no longer take our children swimming on a Friday afternoon. Swimming this year will now be on a Thursday afternoon. The swimming lesson will be at 2.30 – 3.00 pm with the children returning to school just in time for collection at 3.20 pm.

I am also changing the way that we offer swimming to our children. In Key Stage 2, every child will go swimming for at least 3 sessions. This is a change from last year where everybody had 8 sessions. The 3 sessions will be used to teach essential swimming technique and to assess the child's ability to complete the National Curriculum Age Related Expectations outlined below:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

The children who have achieved the required standard do not then need any further swimming tuition at Key Stage 2. This will give them additional time to focus on other areas of the curriculum in school and ensure valuable learning time is not wasted.

The children who do not meet the required standard will be given additional sessions to help them improve their confidence, technique and overall swimming ability so that they get closer to achieving the required standard. You will all be informed of any additional sessions that your child will be taken part in.

We start with:

- Year 6 on Thursday 14th Sept, 21st Sept & 28th Sept 2017.
- Year 5 on Thursday 5th Oct, 12th Oct & 19th Oct 2017.
- Year 4 on Thursday 2nd Nov, 9th Nov & 16th Nov 2017.
- Year 3 on Thursday 23rd Nov, 30th Nov & 7th Dec 2017.

I hope you understand my thinking behind this change. I envisage more children being able to reach the required standard by the end of Key Stage 2 as the children that need extra support will receive it, just as they would if they had a specific need in any other area of the curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

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